(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to stop Chinese high handedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes

(b) and (c) A Chinese patrol transgressed the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Asaphila area of the Upper Subansiri District of Arunachal Pradesh on 26 June, 2003. This is an area where there are differences in the perception of the LAC between the two sides.

The Agreement of the 1996 between India and China on Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the LAC in the India-China Border Areas contains a specific provision for handling of situations involving face-to-face contact between the personnel of the two sides. In the case in question, these provisions do not appear to have been adhered to by the Chinese side. This matter has been taken up through diplomatic channels with the Chinese side.

From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have avoided if there was a common perception of the LAC. The process of clarification of the LAC is underway. Government regularly takes up violations of the LAC with the Chinese sides through established mechanisms.

Government remains vigilant and takes all appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.

Bush praises Musharraf

3092. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S. President George Bush praised Parvez Musharraf during the latters's visit to the United States on his performance in respect of containing terrorism in the Indian Sub-continent; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the said assessment of the situation by the United States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) President Bush expressed

appreciation for President Musharraf's support to the U.S. led war against terrorism.

(b) It is not for Government to comment on U.S. assessment of President Musharraf's cooperation with the U.S. efforts in combating terrorism. He has displayed no such commitment on bringing an end to cross border terrorism against India. President Bush stated after his meeting with President Musharraf on 24 June 2003 that they discussed the need to address extremism and cross border infiltration.

Indo-US agreement on Non-Extradition Treaty

3093. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and USA have signed an agreement to prevent the extradition of Indian and American Nationals accused of human rights violations to third countries;

(b) if so, whether this agreement is considered a significant steps it secures for India an importantally in its argument upholding the sanctity of National Judicial Systems over multilateral ones like the International Criminal Court in Rome or the International Court of Justice in the Hague; and

(c) if so, the other main features of the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) India and USA have signed an agreement under which neither country shall surrender or transfer or extradite nationals of the other country to international tribunals without the express consent of the other country, unless otherwise obligated to do so by an international agreement to which both India and the United States are parties. The agreement is yet to come into force.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Agreement provides that neither country shall surrender persons of the other country (including current or former Government officials, employees, contractors, military personnel or nationals) to any international tribunal, or to any other entity or a third country for the